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Why do I get the feeling...
...that something's about to change?
黒狼
と
銀狐
Ink
Chapter 2

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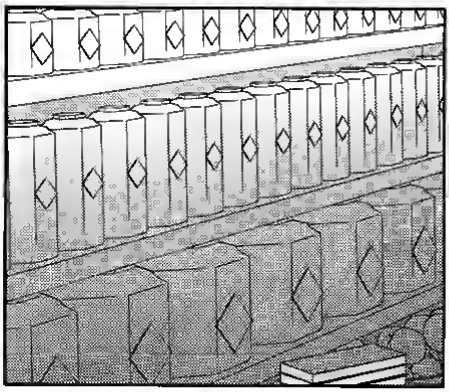
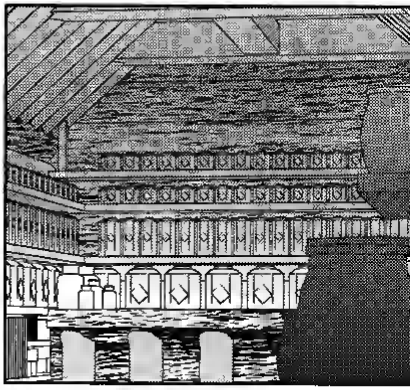
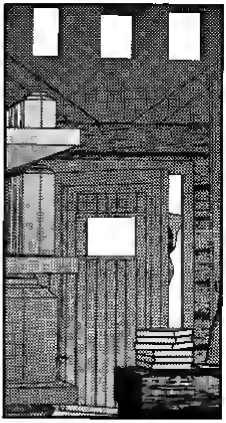
23:00~05





EXCUSE ME, IS WHITEBROW-SAN HERE...?



MY APOLOGIES FOR COMING SO EARLY IN THE EVENING.
THINK NOTHING OF IT I WAS JUST ABOUT TO OPEN UP THE SHOP
WELL HELLO THERE, KUZUNOHA-KUN. WELCOME TO THE OLD OWL'S GENERAL STORE
I'M SURPRISED YOU MADE IT HERE, AREN'T THEY HOLDING A TRADITIONAL EVENT IN THE WOODS TONIGHT?
OH—YES.
YES, PLEASE.
I TAKE IT YOU'RE HERE FOR YOUR DYE, AS USUAL?

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE FINALLY CONQUERED YOUR FEAR OF THE WOLVES?

I RAN INTO SOME OF THE REAPERS, BUT A WOLF WHO GOES TO MY SCHOOL HELPED ME OUT.
HE ESCORTED ME TO THE LARKWOOD'S ENTRANCE.
THEN YOU'RE LUCKY INDEED.

I HAVEN'T ENTIRELY, BUT...

flinch

He looked and sounded frightening...

YOU SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT FROM HERE.
TH...THANK YOU...

bubble
...but I think he might just be a nice wolf.
clink
ALL RIGHT, IT'S READY.
bubble
THANK YOU!
A LITTLE EXTRA ON THE HOUSE, ON ACCOUNT OF THE STORM.
tinkle
LOOKS LIKE THE STELLAR SHOWER IS STARTING UP AGAIN.
UH OH ..
tinkle

YES, I THINK I WILL...
IT'LL BE HARD TO MAKE OUT YOUR COAT COLOR SINCE IT'S NIGHT, BUT THERE'S A REAPING GOING ON, SO WOULD YOU RATHER DYE IT HERE?
Then let's take the time to go ahead and wash out the old dye altogether!
Yes, right!
tinkle
I MUST SAY, KUZUNOHA-KUN, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE IT, YOUR COAT IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL.
tinkle
Here you go
Thanks
tinkle
tinkle

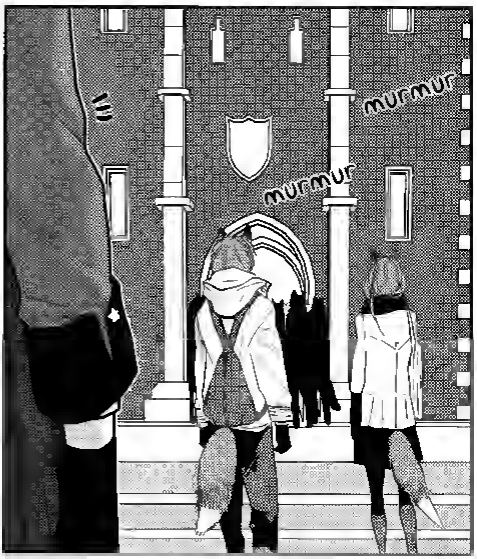
IT'S TRULY A SHAME TO DIRTY IT WITH THE DYE.
HAHA!
SUCH PURE WHITE FUR WOULD BE SURE TO CAPTIVATE ANYONE WHO LAID EYES ON IT AT FIRST SIGHT!
THAT HORRIFIC EXPERIENCE FROM HIS CHILDHOOD.
I COULD FLAUNT IT ALL I LIKE IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE REAPING.
I SUPPOSE NO ONE COULD GET OVER IT SO EASILY...

BRRRRR...

lift
CLACK
LIGH, WHAT A TERRIBLE WAY TO WAKE UP
CLACK
CLACK
That was the first time I've had that dream in a long time...

I guess it's because I ran into the reapers last night.
I WISH I COULD JUST STAY CURLED UP IN BED INSTEAD OF GOING TO MY CLASSES...
Morning
Morning

murmur
murmur
murmur
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
peek


murmur
murmur

PRICK
Who's that huge guy?
Hm...?
Were there any foxes that big in our town...?
FLICK
Wait, that's not a fox!
It's the wolf from yesterday!

WHAT IS HE DOING IN THE VULPINE AREA?!
Avian Area
Canine Area
Central Court
Vulpine Area
Feline Area
G-G-GOOD MORNING...
MORNING.
LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE IT HOME SAFELY AFTER THAT.
This is so awkward...
.....

BOW
JOLT
AH! UM, UH, J-J-JUST .. THANK YOU FOR LAST NIGHT!
I HOPE I DIDN'T CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE FOR IT, LIKE GETTING YOU YELLED AT OR REBUKED FOR LETTING ME ESCAPE...
murmur
murmur
What's going on?
Huh??
is that wolf bullying him?
silence...

Pat
TWITCH
ruffle ruffle ruffle ruffle
UWAH?!
ACK!!
HEY!
I MADE THE DECISION TO HELP YOU LAST NIGHT MYSELF.
SO...
THE DYE!! I'M TERRIFIED THE DYE IS GOING TO COME OFF!
ruffle
WAIT-
ruffle

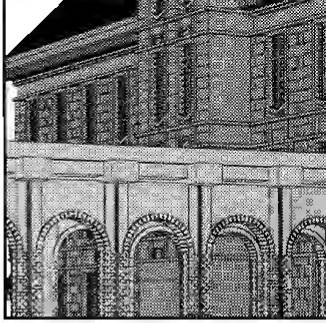
THERE'S NO REASON YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT IT.
badump
I SUPPOSE IT'D JUST BE FASTER TO GIVE YOU A GOOD GROOMING.
SORRY, I MESSED UP YOUR COAT.
flatten flatten
WHAP
WHAP
I knew it!
He really must be a good wolf...
EH?
boing
IT'S NOT GOING BACK

LICK
YIKES!
lick lick lick
OR NOT!!
...

KUZUNOHA! YOU'VE GOT A GUEST!
This is the leopard from yesterday...
Oh!
HI THERE, KUZUNOHA-CHAN!
OTOMIYA-SAN... RIGHT? DID YOU NEED ANYTHING?
Wow, a cat That's rare
ARE YOU FREE NOW? GOT ANY LIBRARY DUTIES OR...?
OH, NO...

THEN HOW ABOUT YOU AND I CHAT ABOUT SECRETS?
EH...?
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DISCUSS IT HERE, RIGHT?
I'D LOVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR COAT COLOR.
WHA...?

HE'S NOT HERE?



A LEOPARD? DON'T SEE THOSE EVERY-DAY.
IF IT'S KUZUNOHA YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, I SAW HIM WITH A MALE LEO-PARD STUDENT ABOUT 10 MINUTES AGO.

HE'S NOT ON DUTY TODAY, SO PERHAPS HE'S LEFT ALREADY?
I SEE...

LOOM
EH?
IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT COAT COLORS, BUT OTOMIYA...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WENT?
Prick
I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN OTOMIYA OF THE FELINE FACTION.
INTENSE
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WERE HEADING?
IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO THE OLD TOWERS...?
OH, UMM-

BRARY
brush
AH, THIS IS AMAZING...
THIS TEXTURE...
.....
THIS HUE...
THIS LUSTRE...

I DON'T LIKE THIS!
OH, YOU'LL COME TO LIKE SOON ENOUGH
OTOMIYA-SA...
PL-PLEASE STOP!!
WHY, WHATEVER FOR?
BAM
OTOMIYA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO KUZUNOHA?

SILKY HAIR
CONDITIONER
WAX
RUSH
UWAH!
LET ME GO!
EEEEEEEK!!

slump
wobble
NO!!
DON'T LOOK...!
flail
HOLD UP, KUZUNOHA! IT'S DANGEROUR TO FLAIL LIKE THAT!
flail
Wh...
What do I do?! He saw my true coat color...!!
A reaper, of all people...!
I'm going to be skinned!
HEY.

HEY.
I'm scared!
THUMP
THUMP
I'm going to be skinned!
THUMP
THUMP
I'm going
killed!
KUZUNOHA!
JOLT

DON'T BE SCARED. I WON'T DO ANYTHING.
stroke

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL COAT, IT'S A SHAME YOU CAN'T STAY YOUR NORMAL COLOR
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN..?
YEAH..
SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE HERE .
I'M GLAD YOU THINK SO, BUT I GOT CAUGHT UP IN A REAPING IN THE PAST AND NEARLY HAD MY PELT SKINNED..
IT'S NOT AS IF THERE ARE NO UNSANCTIONED REAPINGS, AND SILVER FOXES ARE RARE AND EASY TARGETS, SO IT'S FOR THE BEST, THEN.

I was totally obvious! I'm SUCH AN IDIOT!!
I THOUGHT PERHAPS I HADN'T SEEN WHAT I THOUGHT I DID, BUT WHEN I GROOMED YOU THIS MORNING, A FINE DUST WAS STUCK TO MY TONGUE...
GAAH!
I REALIZED WHEN I TOUCHED YOUR HAIR IN THE LIBRARY, BUT I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BE SUCH A LOVELY SILVER...!
ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! WHEN YOU THOUGHTLESSLY LET YOUR HOOD DROP LAST NIGHT, YOUR COAT WAS SILVER.
EH?!
UMM...I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOUR TWO...
WHAT'S WITH THE FORMALITY?
Crap...my peaceful student life is about to come to an end...!!
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT IN ANOTHER REAP-ING, SO...
PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT I'M A SILVER FOX!

I'LL HAVE TO SHAVE MYSELF CLEAN FROM HEAD TO TAIL!
IF I GET FOUND OUT...
HUH?!
IT'LL BE MY ONLY CHOICE, IF EVERYONE FINDS OUT...!
Lurk
WHAT A WASTE! SHAVING OFF ALL OF THIS LOVELY FUR OF YOURS!
twitch
I WON'T TELL A SOUL ABOUT YOUR COAT COLOR
If I don't what happened before might happen again...

I PROMISE.
clench
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, OTOMIYA DON'T TELL ANYONE.
AWWW!
?
?
?
What was that...?
HMM, BUT I SUPPOSE
KUZUNOHA'S COAT COLOR IS FASCINATING INDEED..

...BUT I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING THAT PROMISES TO BE EVEN *MORE* INTERESTING, SO I GUESS I CAN KEEP IT QUIET!
?
?
Why is my chest throbbing like this...?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOUR FACE IS RED
MAYBE I'M GOING INTO HEAT SOON...
Ngh
THESE TWO ARE BOTH TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS. THIS WILL BE FUN!!
grin
the end